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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the Importance of Homeownership in the United States*** (H. Res. 312). 
This resolution has no budget implications.

2) ***Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act*** (H.R. 358). 
This bill directs the U.S. Mint to produce a \$1 silver coin in calendar year 2007, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, AR. The bill specifies a surcharge on the sales price of \$10 for each coin and designates the National Park Service as the recipient of the income from these surcharges. Although H.R. 358 affects direct spending, the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that it has no significant net effect on the budget over the fiscal year 2006-10 period because the surcharges are considered offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending, spending not subject to appropriations). The bill does not affect revenue.

3) ***Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act*** (H.R. 458). 
This bill makes it unlawful for any registered investment company [RIC] – i.e., a mutual fund – to issue a periodic payment plan certificate, and for any RIC, depositor, or underwriter to sell a periodic payment plan. These plans have not been marketed to civilians since the 1980s due to their excessive fees, the bill finds, but they are being marketed improperly to service members as investment products. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

4) ***Expressing the Sense of Congress That There Should Be Established a Caribbean-American Heritage Month*** (H.Con.Res. 71). 
This resolution has no budget implications.

5) ***To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel Post Office Building"*** (H.R. 2346). 
This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

6) ***To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office"*** (H.R. 2490). 
This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. *Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.*

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7) **Commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in Recognition of its 75th Year** (H.Con.Res. 152) 

This resolution has no budget implications.

8) **Delaware River Protection Act of 2005** (H.R. 1412) 

This bill authorizes \$16 million of discretionary spending – spending subject to annual appropriations – for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] and for the Coast Guard over 2006-10. The funding is primarily for activities to detect and remove submerged oil in navigable waters. H.R. 1412 also raises existing limits on the liability of owners or operators of tank vessels that are responsible for oil spills into U.S. navigable waters. CBO estimates that the increase in liability limits reduces direct spending by \$1 million in 2006 and \$16 million over fiscal years 2006-10. The bill does not affect revenue.

9) **Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005** (H.R. 481) 

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take certain property into trust for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and to construct facilities (including structures, utilities, roads, or signs) on such land. Because CBO does not expect the Interior Department to construct facilities on the tribes' land before 2011, CBO estimates that the bill will have no significant effect on the Federal budget within the current budget window, fiscal years 2006-10.

10) **To Authorize the Establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a Memorial to the Officers and Enlisted Men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery Who Fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 1084) 

CBO estimates that this bill will have no significant impact on the Federal budget. The National Park Service would pay maintenance expenses, which are likely to be negligible. Enacting the bill could cause a negligible increase in direct spending and revenue, resulting from private donations and the expenditure of such amounts for maintenance costs.

11) **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005** (H.R. 1428) 

This bill authorizes through 2010 annual appropriations of \$30 million for Federal support of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

12) **National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005** (H.R. 2362) 

This bill authorizes appropriations for the National Geologic Mapping Program at the existing fiscal year 2005 authorized level of \$64 million for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010. It does not affect direct spending or revenue.

13) **Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act** (H.R. 38) 

This bill designates 20-mile segments of the White Salmon River and Cascade Creek in Washington as wild and scenic rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

14) **Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act** (H.R. 1512) 

This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, MA, as a unit of the National Park System. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

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15) ***Honoring the Members of the United States Air Force Who Were Killed in the June 25, 1996, Terrorist Bombing of the Khobar Towers United States Military Housing Compound Near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia*** (H.Con.Res. 188) 

This resolution has no budget implications.

16) ***Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the Massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995*** (H.Res. 199) 

This resolution has no budget implications.

17) ***Urging the Government of the Republic of Albania to Ensure That the Parliamentary Elections to be Held on July 3, 2005, are Conducted in Accordance With International Standards for Free and Fair Elections*** (H.Con.Res. 155) 

This resolution has no budget implications.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: ***The Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006*** (H.R. 3057) 

Committee: Appropriations

Summary: This measure includes appropriations for a variety of international programs. Among the agencies that receive budget authority are the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Trade and Development Agency. The bill also provides resources for the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund, Development Assistance, International Disaster and Famine Assistance, Transition Initiatives, Development Credit Authority, the Payment to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund, and the Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development.

Other agencies or programs receiving funds are the Peace Corps; the Millennium Challenge Corporation; the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative; International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; Migration and Refugee Assistance; the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund; Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining; Debt Restructuring; International Military Education and Training; the Foreign Military Financing Program; and Peacekeeping Operations.

Cost: This measure provides discretionary budget authority of \$20.270 billion in fiscal year 2006, which is at the level set by the Appropriations Committee pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

Budget Act: This measure does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: ***The Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006*** (H.R. 3058) 

Committee: Appropriations

Summary: This measure includes appropriations for a variety of transportation, treasury and housing programs. Among the agencies that receive budget authority are the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Housing and Urban

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Development, and the Judicial Branch. The measure also provides funds for the District of Columbia and the Executive Office of the President.

In addition, the bill provides funding for a variety of boards and commissions, among them the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Election Assistance Commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Election Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the Federal Maritime Commission, and the General Services Administration.

Cost: This measure provides discretionary budget authority of \$66.935 billion in fiscal year 2006, which is at the level set by the Appropriations Committee pursuant to 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

Budget Act: The measure does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: *The Water Resources Development Act of 2005* (H.R. 2864). 

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

Summary: This bill authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers [Corps] to conduct water resource studies and undertake specified projects and programs for flood control, inland navigation, shoreline protection, and environmental restoration. The bill authorizes the Corps to conduct studies on water resource needs; to complete feasibility studies for specified projects; and to convey ownership of certain Federal properties. Finally, the bill extends, terminates, or modifies existing authorizations for various water projects and authorizes new programs to develop water resources.

Cost: H.R. 2864 increases direct spending by \$13 million in 2006 and \$22 million over 2006-10. Beginning in 2006, the Corps could spend without further appropriation any recreation fees that it earns in excess of \$42 million a year. (Under current law, all receipts collected by the Corps from such fees are subject to annual appropriations.) CBO estimates that this change alone will increase direct spending by \$2 million annually. Other changes – such as interest forgiveness on certain water contracts – also result in direct spending increases.

Budget Act: The budget resolution provides to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee a section 302(a) allocation of \$3.027 billion in 2006 and \$4.107 billion over 2006-10. This direct spending is intended to accommodate the highway reauthorization bill that currently is the subject of conference negotiations. Because the highway bill has not been enacted into law, however, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may continue to report other legislation that contains new direct spending not in excess of these amounts. Thus, H.R. 2864 does not violate section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.